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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Cyril John "C.J." Lehnhardt of Coal Valley, who passed away on May 4, 2016; and

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WHEREAS, Cyril Lehnhardt was born in Dubuque, Iowa to Albert Henry and Bertha Clara Bergmann Lehnhardt on November 20, 1923; he graduated from Dubuque Senior High School and, at age 19, entered the United States Army 10th Mountain Division ski troop; during World War II, he was sent to the Po Valley and Apennine Mountains of Northern Italy, where he served not on skis, but on snowshoes; he married Doris Milne in Moline on March 15, 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Cyril Lehnhardt worked for seven years as a pattern-maker in Dubuque and Chicago before being hired at the John Deere Foundry in East Moline, where he worked mainly in the seeding division, creating parts for planters; he was with John Deere for 31 years, retiring in 1986; and

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WHEREAS, Cyril Lehnhardt was a collector of various things, including trains, model tractors, and old switchman lanterns; he was a member of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club, the Central Electric Rail Fans Association, the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, and the Antique Engine Tractor

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1 Association; he was a charter member of the Two-Cylinder Club
2 (now the Deere Valley Collectors Tractor Club) and the Iowa
3 Chapter National Railroad Historical Society; and

4 WHEREAS, Cyril Lehnhardt was a member of Colona United
5 Methodist Church and Coal Valley Masonic Lodge 547; he was a
6 charter member of the Coal Valley State Bank and the Quad
7 Cities Pattern Maker's Federal Credit Union; he served on the
8 Board of Directors for the Blackhawk State Bank in Milan for 25
9 years, up to the age of 88; and

10 WHEREAS, Cyril Lehnhardt was preceded in death by his wife,
11 Doris; his brothers, Kenneth and Donald Lehnhardt; his sisters,
12 Marcella Luz and Doris Lehnhardt; and his nephews, Wayne
13 Schmidt and Gary Lehnhardt; and

14 WHEREAS, Cyril Lehnhardt is survived by his nieces and
15 nephews, Dr. Warren and Carla Schmidt, David Luz, Debbie
16 Arebalo, Shelley and Rod Kirsch, Barbara and Barney Bishop,
17 Richard Lehnhardt, Robert and Carol Lehnhardt, Pamela
18 Beauchamp, Steven and Cindy Sim, and Mary Ann Crimmins; and
19 many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including Diane
20 Beauchamp and Jeraldine Clewell; and a special caregiver,
21 Deborah Chokkalingam; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL

1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
2 Cyril John "C.J." Lehnhardt, and extend our sincere condolences
3 to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Cyril Lehnhardt as an expression of
7 our deepest sympathy.